

## WISCONSIN DEB POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING LASER USE BY DENTAL HYGIENIST

It is the position of the Wisconsin Dental Examining Board that utilization of a laser device by a hygienist, is allowed when used within the scope of practice of dental hygiene and in adherence to section 447.06(2)(b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Wisconsin statutes.

- At this time, laser use within the scope of dental hygiene practice is as an adjunct device to scaling and root planning.
- Training is necessary and should include a hands-on proficiency course provided by a recognized sponsor of continuing education, in accordance with the current rules for continuing education.
- Licensees utilizing laser technology should maintain documentation of the satisfactory completion of the formal continuing education or training.

### Sources of Continuing Education:

- A program will qualify for CE credits if it is sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or international dental or medical professional organization. It will also qualify if it is a college-level course that is offered by a post-secondary institution accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) or another CE approval entity.

### Continuing Education Resources:

- Wis. Stat. s. 447.055 – Requirements for Dental Hygienists  
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/447/055>
- Continuing Education FAQs: [http://drl.wi.gov/faq\\_que\\_list.asp?fid=32&locid=0](http://drl.wi.gov/faq_que_list.asp?fid=32&locid=0)